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PROCEEDINGS.

DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

November 2, 1840.—Stated Meeting.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Onderdonk took the Chair.

On the report of the Committee on Northern Missions, the resignation of the Rev. T. C. Pitkin, as a missionary, was accepted.

November 16.—Stated Meeting.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Onderdonk took the Chair.

The Treasurer reported the condition of the funds for Domestic Missions, from which it appeared that about six thousand dollars more would be needed at the end of the present month.

On the report of the Committee on Indian Missions, the resignation of Miss Sarah A. Williams, as female teacher at Duck Creek, Wisconsin, was accepted, and Mrs. Solomon Davis was appointed to the same office.

On the report of the Committee on Northern Missions, appropriations of salary for 1841, were made to thirty-six missionaries; the resignation of the Rev. John Ufford, as missionary at Maumee City, Ohio, was accepted; and the Rev. Richard S. Adams, of Kentucky, was appointed a missionary in Indiana.

On the report of the Committee on Southern Missions, appropriations of salary, for 1841, were made to nineteen missionaries.

On the report of a Special Committee, to which the subject had been referred, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, As the sense of this Committee, that it is the bounden duty of every missionary, appointed by them under existing instructions, steadily to bring before his people the claims of the Church through this Committee, as its organ, upon their liberality and zeal in the support of the Domestic Missionary cause.

Resolved, That all contributions from missionary stations—however small—are esteemed by the Committee to be highly

important to the furtherance of this cause ; not only as evincing the zeal of new congregations towards it, but as serving most powerfully to awaken that of older and more wealthy parishes.

Resolved, That, with a view to carry out the above result, a copy of these resolutions be furnished to each missionary, conveying the thanks of this Committee to such as have already contributed to the Domestic Funds, and turning the attention of all to the provision made for such reported contributions, in the copy of instructions heretofore furnished to them.

FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

Oct. 6.—Stated Meeting.—The Rt. Rev. Chairman present.

At a special meeting held on the 24th of October, the Rev. Benjamin Eaton, of Wisconsin, was appointed missionary to Texas.

Nov. 3. } Stated Meetings.—The Rev. Dr. Milnor in the
Nov. 17. } Chair.

At the latter meeting, Robert B. Minturn, Esq., was unanimously elected a member of the Committee, in place of Mr. Seaman, who had resigned in consequence of removal from the city.

The Secretary and General Agent was instructed to lay before the Church, the appeal of Mr. Southgate, in behalf of the proposed mission to Mardin, accompanied by an expression of the sentiments of the Committee that two missionaries are needed at the earliest practicable date for that field. Measures were also taken to procure for the parish at Matagorda the funds required for completing their church edifice, there being no funds in the hands of the Committee applicable to such a purpose.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DOMESTIC.

MICHIGAN.

FROM THE REV. M. HIRST, MISSIONARY AT DEXTER.

Dexter, Sept. 18, 1840.

Since my last report this station has suffered much by sickness, and the removal of some families from the neighborhood. During a great part of the quarter I have been obliged by ill health to suspend the Sunday afternoon service. Last Sunday I was confined to my bed all the day, having had a violent attack of the chill and fever ; and while I write it is computed that 150 persons are sick in this village. I trust that this dispensation of Providence may be sanctified, that we may seek the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near. The spiritual condition of the Church is, I think, very encouraging. Our services are well attended, and we now number twenty communicants.

FROM THE REV. W. N. LYSTER, MISSIONARY IN LENAWE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES.

Springville, Lenawe Co., Sept. 21, 1840.

Since the expiration of last June I have preached at Spring-

ville once, and once assisted the Rev. Mr. O'Brien by reading service; at the Junction, once; at Manchester, once; at Iron Creek, once; at Tecumseh, six times, and once administered the Holy Communion; also performed the burial service once; at Adrian, four times; at Jackson, three times, exchanging with the rector; at Detroit, twice; at Clinton, once, exchanging with the rector; at Grasse Isle, once; at Piety Hill, once; at Chatham, (U. C.,) twice. Nothing of peculiar interest has lately occurred in my field of labor. The greater portion of my time is at present occupied with the important points, Adrian and Tecumseh; of which places (should my appointment as missionary be continued) I shall be enabled, I trust, to acquaint you with pleasing particulars in my next.

FROM THE REV. JOHN A. WILSON, MISSIONARY AT PONTIAC

Pontiac, Sept. 21, 1840.

Since my last report I have maintained regularly the usual services of my station; two services every Sunday in this place, and every other Sunday a third service seven miles from here. Two have been added to the communion. I have all the encouragement that could reasonably be expected under existing circumstances. Since you last heard from me, we have commenced, and expect to have completed in December, a neat little church—46 by 28 and 17—sufficiently large for us for some three or four years. This is doing a great deal in so short a time, and by so small and feeble a congregation. It has exceeded my expectations. Indeed I take a pleasure in struggling with a forming congregation, and participating in their privations, and toils and difficulties. The favorable disposition towards the Church here, by all, is most gratifying. I am sure that some here of other denominations, long for the peace and rest of the true Zion, if her beauty cannot attract them. There is an immense field for labor in the sections adjacent to this spot; but I cannot increase my toils without the hazard of shortening my life.

FROM THE REV. CHARLES FOX, MISSIONARY AT JACKSON.

Jackson, Sept. 22, 1840.

Since my last report my health has been infirm, owing to frequent attacks of ague and fever, which have in a measure incapacitated me for active duty. I have, however, generally been enabled to officiate twice for my own congregation, and once at the State's Prison, on each Sunday. Besides this I have officiated twice at Homer, three times at Albion, and once at Smith's Settlement, and occasionally exchanged with some of the neighboring clergy. I have likewise a lecture each Wednesday evening, and a meeting for missionary purposes on the first Monday in the month. The two Sunday schools remain much in the same condition as they were in at the last report. Funerals, 2; baptisms, 5 children and 1 adult. The

success of our effort here, under God, has been greater than in any other parish yet originated in the diocese—for where 15 months ago there were not four Episcopal families, our services are attended by about forty-five families; a handsome church is finished and just ready for use; and beside it, is a lecture and school room to hold 80 persons, and another school house is built on the prison ground. There is a parish library of 400 volumes, and a good Sunday school library. Our communicants (21) are few; but still this few is a large number in such a state of society.

FROM THE REV. DARIUS BARKER, MISSIONARY AT JONESVILLE.

Jonesville, Sept. 25, 1840.

Since my last report I have been able to continue my labors in Jonesville and Homer, officiating twice every Sunday alternately at each place, and on several occasions at a third service. I have also officiated once in Quincy, Branch county; twice at Adams; once at Hillsdale; once at Litchfield; and exchanged one Sunday with the Rev. Mr. Fox, at Jackson, where I officiated three times. I have baptized none, although there are several children soon to be baptized both here and at Homer. I have performed the burial service six times. Many of the deaths, however, have occurred some five and some ten miles from this place. We have lost some of our most firm friends and substantial supporters by death and removal—so that our numbers and strength are very much reduced. At Homer the prospects are fair, although from various circumstances we cannot hope for a large congregation for the present. I labor in hope, and pray that brighter days may soon dawn on us, and the Church of our blessed Redeemer be esteemed and loved by all.

FROM THE REV. C. B. STOUT, MISSIONARY AT CLINTON.

Clinton, Sept. 25, 1840.

Within the last month, our hitherto favored village with the surrounding country, has been visited with much and severe sickness; few families being entirely exempt. My own have all been sufferers, and for about three weeks two of its members were reduced to the verge of the grave. Through God's mercy we are again in comfortable health, while many are sick around us. From this cause, I have been obliged to omit service a part of two Sundays. I have attended the burial of one of my oldest communicants, whose loss we deplore, though it was "gain for her to die;" on this occasion I preached. She was truly a "mother" in our "Israel," and her influence for good has been a blessing to many. One other of the communicants lies now very ill, prepared to "depart and be with Christ," as we humbly trust, though we have faint hope of her recovery. I have likewise officiated twice in St. Paul's, Detroit, in the absence of the Bishop: twice in St. Luke's, Ypsilanti, in exchange; and once each, at Manchester, and in St. Peter's, Tecumseh. I have admitted one new communicant to the Lord's table. There are

several "lambs of the flock" soon to be presented to the Lord in holy baptism, and five or six candidates for confirmation "ready" and "willing" to take the vows of God upon themselves.

The Sunday school has been gradually increasing in members, until the sickness commenced: just now there are few to attend. Owing to the same cause, my congregation on the Lord's day, has been of late proportionably diminished.

We are much afflicted at the loss of our dear brother and fellow laborer, Cole. In him, I have lost a friend and brother dearly beloved: and I pray that God will speedily raise up another to supply his place.

FROM THE REV. A. S. HOLLISTER, MISSIONARY AT TROY.

Troy, Sept. 28, 1840.

I have to bless God for uninterrupted health—that He has enabled me to prosecute my labors with diligence, and to render myself useful to the sick and afflicted within my care, and to endeavor to do good by the regular and faithful preaching of the Gospel. I have officiated twice on each Sunday in St. John's, Troy, and on the Sunday evenings at a third service in the neighboring villages. Considering the amount of sickness, the attendance upon divine service has been as encouraging as usual. But never since my residence in this place have so many of my parishioners been kept from church as during the last quarter, and a considerable number have died, though as yet none of our communicants. At the village of Birmingham, I have found some encouragement to labor, and generally good congregations. There have been none added to the communion, and no baptisms. Sickness, so long prevalent, is now abated, and the prospect is more encouraging. During midsummer, in this country, the most important labors of a clergyman are devoted to the sick and the afflicted.

FROM THE REV. A. HOYT, MISSIONARY AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Grand Rapids, Oct. 8, 1840.

In my last I mentioned that we had commenced the erection of a church edifice. I have now the pleasure of saying, that the building is ready for consecration. Monday of the present week was the day appointed for the leasing of the pews. I had looked forward to this, hoping, yet trembling—my expectations were more than realized—out of 39 pews (the number to be rented) 30 were at once taken. It is the general impression that most, if not all, of those remaining will soon be disposed of.

In looking back over the past eleven months we find much to encourage, and much for which we ought to be grateful. We commenced but few in numbers. The number of the regular attendants on the sanctuary has nearly doubled, and those added to the communion list are more than those who were first enrolled as the disciples of the meek and lowly Jesus. For

these great blessings we would humbly say, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be the glory.

We enter on the labors of the coming year with every prospect of success; nay, we feel justified in saying that, with the blessing of God, the establishment of the Church is now rendered certain—that the foundation on which to erect it has been laid broad and firm. We are at peace and harmony among ourselves. Our congregation is becoming more and more attached to the services and usages of the Church, the prejudice existing in the minds of many is fast subsiding, and we have a temple, where, with one accord, we can come together, where we can offer our united prayers for the “peace and prosperity of Jerusalem,” where we can approach “the Father in his house, and the Son at his altar.”

We do not expect, however, that the progress of the Church the coming year will be as rapid as it has been during the year which is now drawing to a close. In the town of Kent, embracing a district of country six miles square, we have but little more than 600 inhabitants. At the Rapids, independent of the Church, there are five established congregations with settled ministers, and the minds of the community are now made up in regard to them. If, however, I shall not be able to tell of families added to our congregation, I hope and pray that I may be enabled to speak of sinners turning to the Lord, and of Christians built up and established in the most holy faith.

I should not do justice to my own feelings did I not publicly record the liberality of the friends of the Church here in the erection of our building, and especially of one of the wardens of the church, who, beside a generous subscription, has advanced near \$200, and agreed to wait, if necessary, five years for payment. All subscribed freely, and all paid promptly. May the Lord reward them a thousand fold.

The ladies of the congregation have formed a sewing circle, the object of which is to furnish the church with communion plate, lamps, &c. &c.

WISCONSIN.

FROM THE REV. SOLOMON DAVIS, MISSIONARY AT DUCK CREEK.

Duck Creek, Sept. 29, 1840.

My present report is made at a most interesting time in the history of this mission. Bishop Kemper left us yesterday, after having devoted four days exclusively to the Oneidas, much, I trust, to the furtherance of the good work which has hitherto called forth our labors and our prayers. The Bishop came to this settlement on Monday the 21st inst., in company with the Rev. Messrs. Hull and Eaton, and the missionary at this station, who had spent the previous Sunday in attending the ordination of the latter gentleman at Green Bay. A large party of the chiefs and warriors on horseback met the Bishop near the west bank of Fox River, and proceeded with us a distance of eight miles to the parsonage. The Indians being already assembled

on our arrival, divine service was celebrated, when the Rev. Mr. Hull preached through an interpreter to a large and attentive congregation. The Bishop and clergy returned the same evening to Green Bay, but the following Thursday found him again with his "red children," the Oneidas, with whom he remained until Sunday evening. Here a portion of his time was spent in visiting from house to house, intending, if possible, to call on every family in the tribe, and from which he was only prevented by a severe rain storm, a part of which, however, was most cheerfully encountered in the performance (as he expressed it) "of this most delightful part of his duties." On Friday he walked about three miles with me through the forest, and administered the holy sacrament to a woman who is nearly 100 years old, and whose infirmities prevent her from assembling with Christian friends and brethren, in the appointed place, around the altar of her Lord. The following day he accompanied me to a remote part of the settlement, and administered the sacrament to another sick member of the Church.

While at this station the Bishop preached three times. His language was clothed in simplicity, and admirably adapted to the capacity of the Indians. He has evidently taken a deep hold upon these people, and his late visit may be regarded as the dawn of a brighter day upon their religious prospects. He visited the school, and suggested alterations in the mode of conducting it, which I am confident will be of essential service in its future management.

On Sunday the 27th, the Apostolic rite of confirmation was administered to fourteen persons.

Families, 80; baptisms, infants, 10; communicants, added, 2, present number, 91; Sunday school, teacher, 1, scholars, 15.

FROM THE REV. AARON HUMPHREY, MISSIONARY AT BELOIT.

Beloit, Oct. 7, 1840.

I arrived at Milwaukie on the 18th of August, and spent the next Sunday there, and preached for the Rev. Mr. Hull; and on Monday the 24th, in company with him, went to Lisbon and attended service, and the next day went to Prairie Village, where I assisted in the services. In the course of that week, I went to Elkhorn in Walworth county, where I spent the next Sunday, performing service and preaching morning and afternoon, in a log house, to an attentive congregation composed of people of different denominations. Here I found a few members of the Church, who of course were very desirous of enjoying her services. Sunday the 26th, I spent in Janesville, the county seat of Rock county, and preached morning and afternoon and baptized an infant. On the Friday previous I had visited the flourishing village of Beloit, and found several Episcopalians, and was informed that more were expected to remove into the place soon; and as I could obtain no house for my family in Janesville, I determined to remove them to

Beloit, and to make a trial of what could be done to establish the Church there. I returned to Milwaukie to meet our Rt. Rev. Bishop, and to attend the consecration which he had appointed on the 11th of September. The Bishop held his visitation on Sunday the 13th. I attended and preached in the afternoon of that day. On the Wednesday following I started with my family, which had remained at Milwaukie from the time that I landed in the Territory, and came to this place; and on Sunday the 20th, officiated afternoon and evening, the place of worship being otherwise occupied in the morning. On Sunday the 27th, I officiated at Janesville. On the 4th instant I officiated afternoon and evening here again. This is a very delightful and flourishing village. Although but three years old, it contains three hundred inhabitants, and the number is rapidly increasing. How we shall succeed in establishing the Church it is impossible to tell; but, at any rate, I think the object is worth making the trial. I am convinced that some travelling missionaries who could endure privation and hard labor, would be of incalculable benefit to the Church in this Territory. May God in his providence raise up and send forth some such laborers into this part of his harvest, and incline those who have the means to support them.

INDIANA.

FROM THE REV. A. H. LAMON, MISSIONARY AT EVANSVILLE.

Evansville, Sept. 22, 1840.

The number of families connected with the congregation cannot be accurately determined, but may safely be set down at 30. Baptisms, infants, 4, adult 1; communicants, added, (mostly by removal,) 7, present number, 30; Sunday school, teachers, 8, scholars, (about) 70.

In compliance with the request of our truly excellent and devoted Bishop, I attended the examination and ordination of the Rev. C. Prindle, at Terre Haute, on the 30th of last month. The occasion was full of interest, as the first ordination and confirmation at that place occurred at that time. There were six public services: all well attended.

FROM THE REV. SOLON W. MANNEY, MISSIONARY AT LA PORTE.

La Porte, Sept. 23, 1840.

Since my last report the Bishop has been with us and held a confirmation. It was a very interesting and profitable visitation. The Bishop preached to a large congregation and administered the communion. I accompanied him in his visit to South Bend, Mishawaka and Goshen, where I preached once. During the last quarter I have also officiated twice at Mishawaka, and twice at South Bend. Our Church affairs are not so prosperous as could be desired. Opposition without, and coldness to some extent within, cause me to place my reliance for ultimate success, upon the mercy and promises of the Redeemer, and the goodness of our cause. But I hope we have

a little band that are undismayed by difficulties and determined to hold fast the profession of the faith without wavering.

Families, 9; baptisms, infants, 2; confirmed, 3; communicants added, 4, present number, 14; Sunday school teachers, 5, scholars, 30. A collection of \$6 has been made for the Diocesan Missionary Fund. One or two will be made for the Domestic Committee during the next quarter.

FROM THE REV. GEORGE FISKE, MISSIONARY AT RICHMOND.

New-York, Oct. 1, 1840.

Bishop Kemper was with us at Richmond on the 5th of July, and confirmed two persons. On the 6th he laid the corner stone of the church. Since that time I have been absent from my station, having the consent of the Bishop, soliciting funds for the furtherance of the church edifice. My efforts have thus far, been crowned with success, so that I hope to be able to return to my parish during the present month.

The Rev. J. H. Drummond is now resident in my parish, and giving some portion of his time to the discharge of the duties of that station. I am not advised of the present condition of the Church.

ILLINOIS.

FROM THE REV. JOHN SELLWOOD, MISSIONARY AT MENDON.

Mendon, Oct. 1, 1840.

Since my last report I have officiated generally three times, on each Lord's day; also on several week evenings. The prospects of our Church here are not at present improving.

At Columbus, I have officiated once, and baptized an infant. I had another appointment for service, but in consequence of having rain was unable to reach the place.

At Payson, a town about 25 miles distant, I officiated one week day morning. A gentleman, not an Episcopalian, who resides there, informed me that he was ready to give a town lot to the Church, as soon as our friends would build on it. The Episcopalians in that neighborhood are too few to be able to do so at present. I hope, however, the day is not far distant when a church will be erected there. Since I officiated there about two years ago, the town has grown rapidly.

I have officiated at Pittsfield every other Sunday. Several Episcopalians reside in the town and neighborhood, and our prospects are encouraging. The congregations in general that have attended our services, have been as large as could be expected, and some persons appear to be under serious impressions; and when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered, I hope to have the pleasure of seeing them participate in that holy ordinance. I have also some hopes that in the course of next year, a small church will be erected.

At the place where I remain over night in going to Pittsfield and returning, I preach; and I also officiated once at the house

of one of the members of the Church, about 6 miles from Pittsfield, and baptized his child. During the past quarter, in order to preach the Gospel, I have travelled nearly a thousand miles.

FROM THE REV. SAMUEL CHASE, MISSIONARY AT ROBINS' NEST.

Robins' Nest, Oct. 2, 1840.

I have, with one exception, performed the services and preached in the school-room of Jubilee College on every Sunday. The congregation has very much improved in reference to numbers and regularity of attendance. Our chapel will be ready for consecration in ten days. The school rooms will also be furnished with seats so arranged as to answer the double purpose of school and church—these are under the same roof with the chapel, and connected with it by sliding doors—when the whole is thrown open there will be seats for about 350.

I have much cause for thankfulness for the blessings which have attended my labors for the past year, and encouragement for renewed exertions for the future. There are three points in this vicinity within a distance of 10 miles where I think the Church can be established—Jones' Prairie, Charleston, and Prince's Grove. So soon as the Bishop returns, no doubt he will think it advisable to have services at stated times at each of these places.

KENTUCKY.

FROM THE REV. F. B. NASH, MISSIONARY AT PARIS.

Paris, Sept. 24, 1840.

It gives me no little pleasure to have it at length in my power to report some decided success as the result of my missionary labors. There have been, during the last missionary quarter, four adult baptisms at this station, eight persons confirmed, and eight added to the communion; one of these only by removal. Our present number of communicants is 14. It is still, it is true, a day of small things with us here, and will probably continue to be so for years to come. I think, however, that our prospects are now decidedly more favorable than they have been for a long time past. I hope and trust that the additions which the little Church here has received during the last quarter will prove to be the first fruits of a far more abundant harvest. I have been, necessarily, absent from this station, three Sundays during the last quarter; on two of which I preached in a neighboring county. During most of the last quarter we have had services in Paris, twice every Sunday.

FROM THE REV. M. F. MAURY, MISSIONARY AT DANVILLE.

Danville, Sept. 23, 1840.

Since my last report, furnished June 23d, I have continued to officiate regularly in Danville every Sunday morning, and every other Sunday evening, and have also preached in the country, about five miles distant, on the evenings not devoted to Danville. At both of these places the congregations seem to in-

crease a little, and some interest is manifested generally in the community relative to the church.

It is true, so far our labors have been apparently unrequited in a great measure ; but I hope and think that they have not been in vain. We have had to stem a strong current from the beginning, and although our strength has increased considerably, still it requires much patience and zeal to keep an onward progress. Our trust is, where it should be, in Him who has promised to be with his Church, and I do not fear but that the Committee will yet have the satisfaction of knowing that the selection of Danville, as a station, was as judicious as it was generous. I have made another visit to Harrodsburgh for the purpose of officiating, if a suitable house could be obtained, but was unsuccessful on that occasion. Several of the citizens, however, seemed very anxious for the services of the Church, and I hope that some regulation may be made by which I may be able to officiate for them occasionally some day in the week. There are six communicants in the village, and near it, enough to form the nucleus of a parish, and I shall attempt, in accordance with their own suggestion, to organize a parish so soon as convenient. I should have made them a second visit, but was prevented by the indisposition of myself and family. In addition to the regular services our church was opened three days in succession previous to the first Sunday in August, when the Bishop made his annual visit. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Nash of Paris. The church was opened twice each day, and was quite well attended. I was prevented from preaching one Sunday by a slight attack of fever, but am now restored to my accustomed health. I have baptized five children.

FROM THE REV. ROBERT ASH, MISSIONARY AT SMITHLAND.

Smithland, Oct. 2, 1840.

My services have been continued during the past quarter with only one interruption. On the 16th August I administered the Lord's supper to three communicants. The manner in which I employ my time on Sunday is as follows : I perform divine service, and preach in the morning, and instruct the Sunday school children in the afternoon, and after dismissing them I preach to the black people. The attendance at church is tolerably good, considering the great opposition there is to religion here. Infidelity pervades the whole community, with a few exceptions. The Universalists have led some astray by their books and periodicals. The Sunday school is small. The average attendance is about ten, though nearly thirty belong to it. The same prejudice and opposition prevail here now against Sunday schools as did twenty or thirty years ago in the Atlantic states. The black people seem to consider it a privilege to attend divine worship. A few among them are professors of religion. I consider a separate service for them very important, as there are but few seats appropriated for their use on common occasions. Families, 12 ; communicants, 3.

TENNESSEE.

FROM THE REV. P. W. ALSTON, MISSIONARY AT MEMPHIS.

My register during the past quarter exhibits one marriage solemnized; two adults and six children baptized; two additions to the communion. Four are candidates for the laying on of hands, and I trust that the number will be increased before the approaching visitation.

By the organization of a church at Hernando, in the state of Mississippi, the connection of two communicants with my parish has been dissolved, their residence being nearer to Hernando than to Memphis.

During a visit to the neighborhood of Randolph, induced by domestic reasons, an arrangement was concerted with the Rev. Mr. Reed, by which there shall be no interruption of services in either of our fields of labor. But Providence, by visitation of sickness, ordered otherwise. My absence was protracted, and both churches closed for three weeks.

FROM THE REV. DANIEL STEPHENS, D. D., MISSIONARY AT BOLIVAR.

Bolivar, Oct. 12, 1840.

We have lost one important member of the Church by death; and one has been added. I have performed service regularly, as heretofore, in our female academy. We expect Bishop Otey to visit us soon, and some will then be confirmed and added, we hope, to the Holy Communion.

This has been a very sickly season with us, and through the South generally. The sickness has impeded the building of our church very much. We still hope, however, to have the wall up, and the roof on, before the cold weather sets in. My own family has suffered, in common with our neighbors, in the general sickness. My son, the Rev. A. Stephens, now in Nashville, is improving in his health.

FROM THE REV. EDWARD REED, MISSIONARY AT RANDOLPH.

Randolph, Oct. 28, 1840.

I employ my first returning strength in preparing my report due the first of the month. I have almost nothing to report for the last quarter. I was mostly occupied during the last two months in visiting the sick; and since the first of September have been confined to my room (and until within a few days to my bed) by severe indisposition. The parish has of course been deprived of all ministerial services for the last eight weeks, and it will probably be three or four weeks yet before I am in a situation to resume my regular duties. I trust God has wise purposes in these dispensations. We may at least learn that his ways are not our ways.

The congregations continued good so long as the church was kept open. The Sunday school will be resumed next Sunday.

MISSISSIPPI.

FROM THE REV. M. L. FORBES, MISSIONARY AT COLUMBUS.

Columbus, Sept. 15, 1840.

I left home quite unwell, as I wrote you, and proceeded on to Tuscumbia, Alabama; thence to Florence, to Huntsville, to Columbia, Tennessee, and to Nashville. In each of the above named places I officiated. Finding my health somewhat improved, I commenced my return home on the 9th of July. On the 11th of the same month I reached Tuscumbia, and remained over Sunday and officiated. Becoming unwell again I remained over another Sunday in Tuscumbia. Still in bad health, I determined, in accordance with the advice of my physician, to go up to Huntsville, and remain some days there before I returned to the south. In Huntsville I was prostrated with an attack of fever, from which, by the blessing of God, I recovered, and was able to go about, and left for the country on the 19th August. Regaining my health slowly, I did not start for this place until the 5th of September, and did not reach here until the 13th. I am now, by the divine blessing, in pretty good health again, and hope it may continue, though sickness is all about me. The town and country have been scourged with more sickness the present season than has occurred for many years in this region. All the families of my congregation have been more or less ill, and several of them are still suffering. Three children and one adult belonging to my parish have died, and a number of servants.

When I left home, the Rev. Mr. Swift, who was in the neighborhood, took charge of the church and officiated until the sickness of the people prevented his having an audience. He left here to visit his connections, some three weeks ago, but expects to return; when I hope to see him before he goes to Virginia, with which diocese he is connected.

I hope and pray that the affliction of myself and congregation may, by the divine blessing, be of lasting benefit to us all, and that we may be enabled to say with the Psalmist, "It has been good for me, O Lord, that I have been afflicted."

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—40th Report—1840.

[For particulars up to the previous year, see p. 113.]

The number of laborers sent forth by the Society, in the course of the past year, amounts to 17 ordained missionaries, 12 of whom are married. The total number of individuals sent out is 34. Whole number of laborers, exclusive of the wives of the missionaries and the native teachers, is 186.

West Africa, 1804. 7 missionaries, 1177 communicants, 5714 attendants at worship, 5088 scholars.

The value of the christian institution for training a body of native teachers, and now containing 19 pupils, is daily more and

more appreciated. The progress of ministerial labors has been highly gratifying. A system of district visiting, also, has been adopted with much success, and promises to be of extensive usefulness. The effects of education are becoming apparent in the good feeling manifested among the young scholars in the village schools. Missionary meetings are held for the purpose of giving information and exciting interest in the cause of the Gospel. The want of churches has become urgent. A drawback is spoken of, in the progress of the colony, from the frequent accession of recaptured colonists, 13,000 having been received at Sierra Leone in three years.

South African Mission: relinquished.

Mediterranean Missions: *Malta*. The Arabic version of the Scriptures and Prayer Book, together with the operations of the press, seem to have been among the most efficient labors of this mission. An institution for christian education in the Levant, is about to be commenced here, under the superintendance of the Rev. Mr. Gobat.

Greece. The Rev. Mr. Hildner, after ten years residence at Syra, is much encouraged in his labors, and mentions the desire for education to be on the increase at Syra, it being zealously prosecuted by the government. The whole number of pupils in the government and other schools, is now 2,017, in a population of 18,000. The spread of infidelity has become more apparent. Distribution of the sacred scriptures and tracts, has been extensive.

Asia Minor, &c. The operations of this mission are still chiefly in tours of missionary exploration and in the distribution of the scriptures at Rhodes, Samos, Scio, &c. These places seem deplorably destitute of spiritual light, and temporal happiness.

Egypt: 2 missionaries, 223 pupils. The plans of religious instruction and school training prosper more and more abundantly. The preaching of the Gospel, and the progress of education, has been highly successful. The protection of the Pacha's government has also been amply afforded to the mission. There are indications, too, of revival among the Copts. The Coptic Patriarch, at the suggestion of an English clergyman, had sanctioned a plan for giving to the priests a superior education.

Abyssinia. Two missionaries have re-entered Abyssinia, on the south, and met with a favorable reception from the king of Shoa. Their communications throw great light on the geography of that part of Africa. The Roman Catholics are said to be following up their plans with great vigor.

China Mission: suspended.

India and Ceylon: 63 missionaries, 538 other laborers, 1,050 communicants, 20,272 attendants at worship, 367 schools, 14,691 pupils. In Calcutta a favorable statement of the ministry to the natives is reported—the opening of a new chapel—the earnest study of the scriptures—the administration of baptism to many young persons—the consecration of a mission church—progress

of education, and progressive influence of the Gospel, together with great improvement of the female character. At Culna and Kishnaghur the work is advancing with diligence and prosperity. Benares has suffered from the sickness and death of laborers. The preaching of the Gospel is said to have been very effective. At Gorruckpore the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson has labored with most encouraging success. He is listened to with great attention, and has gathered a flock of 200 converts and native christians.

New-Holland: 2 missionaries. The trials attending this mission have been greatly increased, from various causes, the past year. A severe drought is mentioned. The mission has, however, been advancing.

New-Zealand: 8 missionaries, 69 other laborers, 8,760 attendants at worship, 233 communicants, 72 schools, 1,796 pupils. The recent visit of the Bishop of Australia bears a willing and sincere testimony to the zeal and devotion of the missionaries, and he expresses a most favorable opinion of the large number of converts with which the mission has been blessed. Although the war has not entirely ceased in the southern district, yet the missionaries have been enabled to maintain, and even in some measure to recover the positions originally occupied by them. From a general view of the New-Zealand stations, there may be observed much activity among the natives in teaching their countrymen, and in building places of worship. Much activity also is manifested by the Romanists. It is by the self-denying, perilous and persevering exertions of the missionaries, that New-Zealand has become what it is.

West Indies: 11 missionaries, 36 other laborers, 7,490 attendants on worship, 380 communicants, 68 schools, 5,896 pupils.

N. W. America: (among the Indians:) 2 missionaries, 7 other laborers, 1,350 attendants on worship, 300 communicants, 10 schools, 538 pupils.

<i>Summary.</i> Stations,	-	95	Communicants,	-	3050
European Missionaries,		95	Attendants on Wor-		
Native and country born do.	9		ship, - - -		43,586
European Catechists, &c.	82		Schools, - - -		548
Native Teachers,	-	634	Scholars, - - -		28,849

Receipts. £100,252 6s. 2d., of which £81,687 4s. 11d., were received through associations, proving the importance of this branch of auxiliary aid. The amount of collection made in the congregations, was only £436 2s. 7d. *Expenditures,* £99,601 2s. 2d.

The following are extracts from the conclusion of the Report:—"Various and great have been those events of a religious and moral character, by which the present century has been signalized. In the establishment and extension of Missionary and Bible Societies—in the opening of India to the free preaching of the Gospel—in the abolition of the slave trade, and the extinction of slavery in the British Colonies—and in the

improved systems of national and Christian education—your Committee trace mighty movements of the most beneficent tendency on behalf of the great family of mankind. Even arts and sciences, ministering to the cause of God, have during the same period received a fresh impulse, so that in a brief series of years they seem to have outstripped the course of entire former centuries. Nor less do the Committee rejoice in the fact of the extension of Episcopacy in the colonial possessions of Britain. At the commencement of this century there were three colonial bishoprics; at present there are nine, and there is a strong desire, as well as a pressing want, for more. And now that a new era appears, by tokens not easily mistaken, to be bursting upon mankind, the Committee are persuaded that the supporters of the Church Missionary Society are looking to this Institution, still to bear no inconsiderable portion in the work of the evangelization of the world.

In confirmation of this view, your committee would refer to the communications received during the past year from the bishops of Calcutta and Australia, in which those prelates exhibit proofs of the working of the Spirit of God upon the hearts of men, and urgently press on Christians at home the duty of improving the golden opportunities now placed before them. The religious awakenings at Kishnaghur in North India, and throughout the Society's stations in New-Zealand, have deeply convinced those devoted prelates, that multitudes of the nations in those regions are rapidly preparing for the fullest participation in the blessings of the Gospel; yet, at the same time, they warn us that the native converts are not sufficiently disciplined to sustain and carry forward the mighty work commenced among them. Feeble, and ignorant, they need the direction of master minds; they need the help of European models more extensively presented to their view: in their present infant state they need instructors who should be to them as fathers in Christ Jesus. They need pastors of deep piety, good education, sound judgment, and self-denying habits. At the sight of a few such individuals, arriving in North India and in New-Zealand, the hearts of the above mentioned prelates would leap for joy; such teachers would be hailed by the missionary band with transport: the natives would acknowledge them as a gift from heaven: *the wilderness and the solitary place would be glad for them, and the desert would rejoice and blossom as the rose.*

But where are the men? The world is ready to welcome them: and has the Church of England a hundred missionaries equally ready to go forth? Does all India—does all China—does the whole world—stand knocking as it were at the portals of Britain for answer to the question, "Who is willing to make sacrifices?—who will help us?—who is ready to live among us, to labor, and even die, for Christ's sake and the Gospel's?"

Would it not be a glory to Britain thus to act as a self-

denying nation? Would it not re-act as a blessing to our Church herself, were she to send forth her sons and daughters, not grudging the very best of them, to live and die in this very noblest of all earthly services!

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Summary. 46th Report, (1840.)* 361 stations and out-stations—156 missionaries—500 European and native assistants—9,996 communicants—764 schools, containing 41,752. There are 15 printing establishments. The receipts for the year were £91,119 12s. 10d., about one half of which sum appears to have been received from auxiliary societies, and £15,218 4s. 3d. from missionary stations. Expenditures, £82,197 0s. 4d. The following facts are selected from the Report:

At *Eimeo*, one of the Georgian islands, 550 vols. of religious and elementary works had been distributed. At *Rarotonga*, one of the Hervey group, (having, it is believed, a population of 7 or 8,000,) the attendants upon public worship numbered 4,900, and at the schools 4,124. In the *Marquesas*, ten Romish missionaries had gained a footing during the year previous. In *Upolu* and *Manono*, (two of the Navigators,) 6,000 scholars attended the schools.

In *Ultra Ganges*, among the 60,000 Chinese resident in the Archipelago, accessible to christian instruction, missionary efforts have been continued. From the Malacca press 20,000 volumes have been issued in six months, and 500 copies of the N. Testament in Chinese, (4 vols. each,) forwarded to Assam for distribution. In *India*, where are 59 missionaries, there are, in two districts of Travancore, (Nagercoil and Neyoor,) 12,983 in the congregations, and 7,869 pupils in the schools.

In *South Africa* there are 31 missionaries and 20 assistants. The first missionary landed forty years since, at which time the Moravians had one station, and little or no christian instruction was otherwise afforded in the vast field of South Africa. Now, thousands and tens of thousands are instructed in that word which maketh wise unto salvation. The successful labors of the Rev. Dr. Philip and others are well known. The Rev. Mr. Moffat, twenty-two years a resident, made himself master of the Bechuana language, by leaving his family for a time and living among the natives. He has now reduced it to a written language, and has translated the Psalms and New Testament, which are in press.

In *Madagascar* the christians are still most violently persecuted. The queen has sent persons in search of them into the deserts, forests and caves; and when they are caught, has ordered them to be thrown into a hole and boiling water to be thrown upon them. They are perishing also from hunger and want. The queen is more hostile than ever, and the door is shut more closely than ever against the missionaries. But in the midst of these trials the faithful brethren hold fast their integrity, and several have embraced christianity as new converts.

ENGLISH WESLEYAN MISSIONS. *Report 1840.* The following table will indicate the present state of the missions :

	No. of Mis- sionaries.	Catechists, Readers & Teachers.	Members in Society.	Adults and Children in Schools.
Europe, (including Ireland,) - - -	47	81	1,828	6,134
Ceylon and India, - - -	40	172	1,243	7,493
New South Wales, - - -	24	119	1,019	1,511
New Zealand, - - -	16	16	1,263	500
Friendly Islands, &c. - - -	17	1,629	8,639	8,897
South Africa, - - -	33	205	1,592	3,722
West Africa, - - -	15	73	3,104	1,520
West Indies, - - -	89	1,011	48,035	19,509
British Provinces, - - -	94	177	11,881	5,932
	371	6,761	78,504	55,078

Of the members in Society, 64,069 have been gathered chiefly from the heathen, and of the scholars, 41,701. The receipts of the year were £92,697 18s. 8d., of which £60,342 5s. 4d. were from auxiliary societies, and £12,945 19s. 9d. from missionary stations, &c. The expenses in the same period were £104,017 6s. 1d.

NEW ZEALAND. *Demand for the Prayer Book.* One of the missionaries writes thus : " You may judge of the rate of demand, from the course we have had to pursue with the Prayer Book. A commencement was made, to print 4,000 copies of the Prayer Book entire ; but when it was advanced to the end of the evening service, it was deemed expedient to put into immediate circulation the 4000 copies, with the addition of the Hymns, and to strike off 3000 more for the entire work ; but the 3000 were required as soon as printed. Then 6000 copies of the entire work were commenced ; but before the type of the three first half sheets is distributed, we have found it necessary to have 20,000 more of the smaller book, which will make a total of 33,000!"

Declared to be British Territory. Lieut. Governor Hobson, on the 21st of May, issued two proclamations, declaring the whole of New Zealand to be under the full sovereignty of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and her successors. It is stated that during 1838 and 1839, several thousand of English emigrants had proceeded to New Zealand, and that a still greater number would probably emigrate during the present year. This has been deprecated by the several Missionary Societies as tending to the demoralization and final extinction of the natives, instead of their elevation under the influence of the Gospel. The occupation of the country is however rapidly proceeding under English Emigration Societies with the sanction of the British government, as will be seen by the following extracts.

" Papers have been printed by order of the House of Commons, containing the Reports of Captain Hobson of his proceed-

ings in New Zealand. At a meeting of Chiefs and others summoned by him, a treaty was signed by 46 head chiefs; by the first article of which they expressly cede the powers and rights of sovereignty to Her Majesty over their respective territories—and by the second, Her Majesty confirms and guarantees them in the possession of their lands and estates, forests, fisheries, and other properties, so long as they wish to retain the same; but they yield, at the same time, to Her Majesty, the exclusive right of pre-emption over such lands as they may be disposed to alienate—and the third grants to the natives of New Zealand all the rights and privileges of British subjects. The acceptance by the chiefs is, as follows :

‘ We, the Chiefs of the confederation of the United Tribes of New Zealand, being assembled in Congress at Waitangi—and we, the separate and independent chiefs of New Zealand, claiming authority over the tribes and territories which are specified after our respective names—having been made fully to understand the provisions of the foregoing treaty, accept and enter into the same in the full spirit and meaning thereof. In witness whereof, we have attached our signatures or marks, at the places and dates respectively specified. Done at Waitangi, this 6th day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1840.’

“In reference to this meeting of the chiefs, the Lieutenant Governor in his despatches, gives the following graphic description of the discussion :

‘ When I had finished reading the treaty, I invited the chiefs to ask explanations on any point which they did not comprehend; and to make any observations or remarks on it which they pleased. Twenty or thirty chiefs addressed the meeting; five or six of whom opposed me with great violence; and at one period with such effect, and so cleverly, that I began to apprehend an unfavourable impression would be produced. At this crisis, the Hokianya chiefs, under Neni and Patawoni, made their appearance; and nothing could have been more seasonable.

‘ It was evident, from the nature of the opposition, that some underhand influence had been at work. The chiefs Revewah and Jakahra, who are followers of the [Roman] Catholic Bishop, were the principal opposers; and the arguments were such as convinced me that they had been prompted. Revewah, while addressing me, turned to the chiefs and said, “Send the man away. Do not sign the paper: if you do, you will be reduced to the condition of slaves, and be obliged to break stones for the roads: your land will be taken from you, and your dignity as chiefs will be destroyed.”

‘ At the first pause, Neni came forward; and spoke with a degree of natural eloquence which surprised all the Europeans, and evidently turned aside the temporary feeling which had been created. He first addressed himself to his own countrymen; desiring them to reflect on their own condition, to recollect how much the character of New Zealanders had been ex-

alted by their intercourse with the Europeans, and how impossible it was for them to govern themselves without frequent wars and bloodshed: and he concluded his harangue by strenuously advising them to receive us, and to place confidence in our promises. He then turned to me, and said: "You must be our father. You must not allow us to be slaves. You must preserve our customs, and never permit our lands to be wrested from us."

'One or two other chiefs who were favorable followed in the same strain; and one reproached a noisy fellow, named Kitigi, of the adverse party, with having spoken rudely to me. Kitigi, stung by the remark, sprang forward and shook me violently by the hand, and I received the salute apparently with equal ardor. This occasioned among the natives a general expression of applause, and a loud cheer from the Europeans, in which the natives joined; and thus the business of the meeting closed.'

INTELLIGENCE.

SPIRIT OF MISSIONS. The subscribers to the Spirit of Missions, who are still in arrears, are earnestly requested immediately to remit their dues. Those who receive the paper by mail, can have the amount of their subscriptions forwarded by their respective postmasters, on application, free of postage,—addressed to the Publishers, 281 Broadway.

MISSIONARY NOTICES.—(DOMESTIC.)—The Rev. Richard S. Adams, of Kentucky, has been appointed a missionary in Indiana, and assigned to Mishawaka and South Bend.

The Rev. G. P. Giddinge, a missionary in Illinois, has been assigned to the station at Quincy and its vicinity.

FUNDS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS. The Domestic Committee contemplate with much pain, the prospect which the condition of the funds for the missions under their charge, presents. During a period of more than five months, the contributions of the Church for these missions, have amounted to only about one third of the expenditures; and now, within one month of the day when SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS should be paid, the treasury is nearly empty.—Through this periodical, which is sent *at the expense of missionary funds* to every parochial clergyman, and in other ways, the Committee have repeatedly, during the last two months, implored the Church for the means necessary to carry on their work; and they have apparently implored in vain. Scarcely a single response has yet been made; and, without instant action, the suffering missionaries, in the very midst of winter, must be deprived of the salaries on which they depend for the support of their families. The Committee are but the agents of the Church, and can only disburse what is committed to them for this purpose.

The Committee cannot indeed believe that the Church, after placing the administration of this work in their hands, and authorizing them to excite expectations and give promises, will desert them, or leave the cause—her own cause—to perish. The abstract of their proceedings in our present number, shows that they have no such estimation of the indifference of their fellow Churchmen. They have not only continued the salaries of *all* the missionaries to January, (many of which had expired in October;) but they have made appropriations of salary to by far the greatest part of them, for the whole of the year 1841.

The Domestic Missionary department, is now an establishment embracing two missionary bishops, seventy-four missionaries, and five assistants, and requiring an expenditure of about THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS per annum. Nor is this one fourth of what this establishment ought to be, in view either of the ability of the Church, or of the great want to be supplied. But,—such as it is—it must not be diminished or weakened for a single month. Here, then, the question recurs; how are the funds to be provided? The Church in her triennial council, has devolved this duty upon her clergy in their respective cures. To them the Committee must appeal. If their congregations are not called to aid this work by their prayers and their pecuniary offerings, and so doubt, uncertainty, and failure ensue, where rests the responsibility? On the table of the Committee lies a list of one thousand parochial clergymen; all of whom in a few days will have read this article. Will not they, each and all of them, remit some token of remembrance from their people to the exhausted treasury of Domestic Missions? Have the *hundreds* of congregations who have *never* yet aided in this work, no thank-offering to make to God, no mite, even, which should be cast into this treasury of his Church? Shall many of our large congregations, to whom God has given much of this world's goods, and in whom there are doubtless many hearts burning with love for their suffering brethren, and with zeal to commune with them in their necessities, be deprived of the *greater blessing* promised by the Saviour? Will not those who, in times past, have not been unmindful of this duty, find, in the present exigency, a stimulus to renewed exertion? The Committee believe that God will take care of his Church, and that he will not suffer this blessed cause, so intimately connected with the prosperity of that Church in this land, finally to fail. With a thousand agents made directly interested in its success, and beyond them, many thousand hearts that know the rich blessings of a Redeemer's love, they will not indulge in any evil forebodings; they will even hope that the present exigency will be met as it ought to be, by a prompt provision, and that their hands will be strengthened for their work, and the Domestic Missionary establishment be permitted to go on, undiminished, and even enlarging, in its sphere of usefulness.

To accomplish this result, that is, to make up the deficiency of

the last five months, and provide for the expenses of the remaining seven of the missionary year, about \$23,000 are needed; or nearly \$3500 per month.

WESTERN AFRICA — The visit of the Rev. Dr. Savage to the English Forts on the Gold Coast, where he arrived on the 26th of August, falls within the intentions of the Committee and of the Mission at Cape Palmas. They seek to gather authentic information of the state of West Africa, and to acquaint the Church at large with all that concerns the progress of the Gospel in that land. The reference in this visit to another coast station, has arisen from the obstacles existing for more than two years to the plan of penetrating the interior from Cape Palmas. The jealousies which had arisen between the colonists and coast natives, and the interior tribes, it was feared, would long defeat a measure so dear to the Cape Palmas Mission. The course pursued hitherto, has contemplated a concentration of missionary effort, until the number of missionaries and missionary teachers shall, under God, be so far multiplied, that another point may be assumed with far greater faith in ultimate success than could possibly be the case, if the few laborers now there, were to be severed into still feebler bands. A moment's reflection will show the great importance in such a mission, of this concentration of laborers and effort. Thus a number of subordinate posts or stations, each having a missionary, or at least a confidential teacher, and all within a range of 40 or 50 miles of the primary position, would secure advantages which would be lost by two or three stations separated several hundred miles from each other; and yet afford full occupation for a large number of missionaries and teachers in the most advantageous manner. This principle of concentration early assumed by the Committee, and deemed by them so important, may be made more apparent by the following extracts from their minutes, under date Sept. and Oct., 1839, when carefully considering the propriety of establishing another primary station at one of the other colonies in Liberia, as proposed by several benevolent individuals.

“ The leading design of the Committee has been to reach the natives. ———, if adopted, would require two missionaries, and being separated from Cape Palmas (nearly 200 miles) must be viewed as another *primary* station, and involving the expense of such a mission. The expenses of the Cape Palmas buildings have been about \$5000, beside the proposed chapel. The two dwelling-houses have cost, the one \$1600, the other \$2000. Out-stations may now be multiplied in connection with this at a rate far less in proportion, while a new acclimating station would involve a large outlay.

“ The impression upon the natives in the region around is likely, by the Divine blessing, to be far more powerful and earlier realized, from concentrated, well sustained effort, rather than from divided and disconnected labors—often interrupted by removal or sickness.

“The comfort and confidence of the missionaries, is an important consideration in behalf of connected stations in such a climate as W. Africa. Medical aid is more surely at hand ;* perplexities and difficulties removed by frequent counsel, and the injuries from inexperience in a good degree avoided. The opportunity for organized effort, and the speedy aid in cases of illness or absence, are also apparent.

“The Committee, attributing, under God, much of the present favorable prospect of the Cape Palmas Mission to its concentrated character, and thinking that the present mission may be indefinitely extended by out-stations, without violating its unity, or incurring the expense or risk of a new primary station at another colony, therefore,

“*Resolved*, That the plan of the W. Africa Mission being that of concentrated effort and directed chiefly to the natives, this Committee cannot give encouragement that any early attempt will be made by them to establish another primary station in connection with any of the colonial settlements on the western coast.”

This plan of labor has been kept in view by the missionaries (during the long interruption of its practical operation, over which they had no control) until it was thought that nothing could in any event be lost by further survey.

It is now believed by the Committee, that the obstacles to interior stations are in a great measure removed. Whatever restrictive measures may be required on the part of the colony at Cape Palmas in regard to intercourse with the interior, the most free encouragement is now given to *missionary* efforts in that direction ; and there is evidence that a strong impression has, by the Divine blessing, been extensively made upon the native mind, as to the disinterested character of such efforts. Strong hope is even entertained by the missionaries, that ere long, that immediate region will become nominally Christian. Perfect safety may therefore be anticipated in the early prosecution of the original design of the mission. While valuable information may be expected from the Report of Dr. Savage, these facts and the great effort now making by British Christians in behalf of the region around the Gold Coast, and embracing the Ashantees, will, in the opinion of the Committee, render it inexpedient to prosecute a mission in that direction, or pursue their operations beyond the vicinity of Cape Palmas, until the number of laborers is far beyond that at present in the field.

MARDIN. In speaking of his proposed visit to Mardin early in the ensuing spring, Mr. Southgate remarks to the Committee : “This mission is very near my heart, and I long for the time to

* The Missionary company at Cape Palmas have already (1840) spent a period in Africa, equal to 21 years of one life. During this, only one has fallen, and that from other causes combined with the influence of climate. For such preservation, perhaps unparalleled in W. Africa, our deepest gratitude is due.

come when I shall enter upon it. I could be very well satisfied with my work here, (Constantinople,) for it is all that I expected in its importance and interest. But I could not, with an easy conscience, neglect to use my utmost efforts towards establishing a centre of light in Mesopotamia. There the work will be less delicate and less difficult than here. Oh we need your prayers in this mission at Constantinople, more than I can express, for it demands wisdom, courage, faith, and holy devotedness, in the highest degree. Let us not, in the peculiar character of the means, forget the end—the salvation of men. * * * And my earnest request is, that you will send some one to go with me to Mesopotamia—a man full of wisdom and courage, of a sound constitution of body, able to endure hardness like a good soldier; one who is not afraid of peril, or even death; for one or both may befall us—one to whom you are willing to entrust the commencement of such a mission; one of sound and faithful attachment to the Church, and of pure and sober piety; as to talents and acquirements, the best, if possible, which the Church affords, for the best will be no more than equal to the work. All this is wanted—my own weakness demands it—the Saviour demands it. Yet leave us alone rather than send one incompetent in any of the above particulars, for I have no surplus of these excellencies wherewithal to supply another's deficiencies, and the work will utterly fail in such hands. The more I pray, reflect and observe, the more I see that our work demands a wonderful combination of humility, charity and wisdom, with fearlessness, enterprise, and undaunted faithfulness. I feel myself entirely unequal to it, and if I had not many comforting proofs of the Lord's presence, I should not dare to continue in it. I would ask for two, but I fear two will not be ready to come together, and the second can come out in the fall. If my expectations fail, I know not where to look but to him who turns the hearts of men as the rivers of waters are turned. To him I make my constant supplications, that he will restore the spirit of primitive times, and make us, who minister at the altar, willing to forsake our ease, our comforts, and our pleasant studies, to bear the cross in distant lands, and to rejoice in sufferings and in death, as others have rejoiced and suffered. I cannot doubt that he will supply the present necessity, and establish our work to his glory and the good of the universal Church."

Reference to the proceedings, page 364, will show the desire of the Committee to sustain these efforts to establish a centre of gospel light and truth in a land of such local and relative importance as Mesopotamia. They would cordially send forth at once two missionaries to this station. They had strong hopes that one, now in orders, would be prepared, either to accompany Mr. S., or soon to join him, and that another also in orders would, at no distant period, be united with the mission. These expectations have failed, and the Committee join with their missionary in praying that the Lord may send forth the laborers; they commend the mission to the prayers of those who are look-

ing for and seeking the revival of pure and undefiled religion in the East.

TEXAS. The Rev. Mr. Ives, at Matagorda, pleads with much earnestness for a few hundred dollars to complete the erection of his church, the means of his parish being inadequate to the undertaking. The materials are at present unused upon the lot selected for the site. The Committee have no funds in their power to appropriate to such an object, but specially solicit a sufficiency for this end. The appointment of the Rev. Mr. Eaton for this field will be noticed in the Proceedings. Mr. Eaton has been laboring in Wisconsin since his ordination by Bishop Kemper, and goes to another field as more congenial to his health in winter. He has gained the affections of an attached people, and their testimony to an efficient ministry. He designs commencing his duties in his new field in January next, at Houston or Galveston, and it is believed that he goes with many prayers for a blessing upon his ministry, and that others may soon follow.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Contributions received by the Treasurer of the Committee for Domestic Missions, from 15th Oct. to 15th of Nov., 1840.

DIOCESE OF VERMONT.	
St. Alban's, Union Ch., the Ladies of the congregation, half,	\$5 00— 5 00
DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.	
Greenfield, St. James' Church, offerings, - - -	10 00— 10 00
DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.	
Hartford, Christ Church, - - - - -	120 47
Waterbury, St. John's Ch., offerings, (\$120 75; including proceeds of gold ring,) for Missouri, \$100 75; towards building church, at Collinsville and vicinity, Illinois, \$20, - - -	120 75—241 22
DIOCESE OF NEW-YORK.	
Newtown, St. James' Church, Sewing Society, - - -	10 00
New-York, family mite box, - - - - -	4 00
Troy, St. John's Ch., Ladies of the Troy Fem. Seminary, for Jubilee College, - - - - -	6 00— 20 00
DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW-YORK.	
Geneva, Trinity Church, - - - - -	100 00
Lyons, Grace Church, - - - - -	6 50
Mount Morris, St. John's Church, - - - - -	2 55
Owego, St. Paul's Church, part of collection, - - -	4 50
Paris Hill, St. Paul's Church, offering, - - - - -	8 00
Pierrepont Manor, Zion Church, - - - - -	5 00
Seneca Falls, Trinity Church, - - - - -	4 60
Syracuse, St. Paul's Church, a family offering, - - -	13 00—144 15
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.	
Brownsville, Christ Ch., a member, for Ch. at St. Charles Mo.,	3 00— 3 00
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND.	
Annapolis, St. Ann's Church, a parishoner, - - - - -	15 00— 15 00
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.	
Clark county, Wickliffe Parish, half, - - - - -	10 00— 10 00
DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Charleston, St. Michael's Ch., offerings, \$58 88; Ladies' Working Society, \$50, - - - - -	103 88
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